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SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST VISIT BY UAW DELEGATION

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1. REF VISIT BEING HOSTED BY EGYPTIAN FEDERATION OF
LABOR (EFL). HASSAN EID, SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS OF EFL, AND ADLY ABDALLA, MEMBER OF INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS DEPT WHO WILL ACT AS INTERPRETER AND BE
ASSIGNED TO THE DELEGATION DURING ITS STAY, WILL MEET
DELEGATION AT AIRPORT, AS WILL FSR WILLIAM POOLE, CONTROL
OFFICER.

2. DRAFT PROGRAM PROPOSED BY EFL AS FOLLOWS:

MONDAY, JULY 15

1230 - ARRIVAL AT CAIRO AIRPORT, FLIGHT MS 701
ACCOMMODATIONS AT SHEPHEARDS HOTEL

1900 - MEETING WITH PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF
EFL.

2030 - DINNER AT OMAR KHAYYAM HOTEL

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TUESDAY, JULY 16

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0900 - VISIT TO IRON AND STEEL COMPLEX AT HELWAN.

1100 - VISIT TO EL NASR AUTOMOBILE WORKS

1300 - MEETING WITH DR. HAFEZ GHANEM, FIRST SECRETARY OF
CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF ARAB SOCIALIST UNION.

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1900 - MEETING WITH TRADE UNION LEADERS OF IRON AND STEEL
AND AUTOMOBILE WORKERS.

DINNER AT MERRYLAND CASINO (GUEST LIST TENTATIVE BUT WILL
INCLUDE VICE PRESIDENT OF EFL; HEAD OF INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS DEPT OF EFL; PRESIDENT OF GENERAL TRADE UNION
OF LAND TRANSPORT; PRESIDENT OF GENERAL TRADE UNION OF METAL,
ENGINEERING, AND ELECTRICAL WORKERS; POSSIBLY SALAH
GHARIB, PRESIDENT OF EFL, WHO IS
NOW OUT OF TOWN; AND ANY OTHER GUESTS THE DELEGATION
WISHES TO INVITE. TOTAL NUMBER OF GUESTS TO BE
ABOUT 20.)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

1115 - DEPARTURE TO NICOSIA, FLIGHT CY 305.

3. EGYPTIAN ATTITUDE IS ONE OF ACCOMMODATIONS AND DESIRE TO
PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING. THEY ARE EAGER TO PLEASE. THEIR
COLLECTIVE MEMORY COULD RECALL ONLY ONE PREVIOUS VISIT
BY AMERICAN TRADE UNION LEADER AND THAT WAS ONE BY REPRESENTATIVE
OF INTERNATIONAL LONGSHOREMEN'S AND WAREHOUSEMEN'S UNION
(BASED IN SAN FRANCISCO) IN 1969. VISIT WAS ACTUALLY
HAPPENSTANCE AS REPRESENTATIVE WAS PASSING THROUGH
CAIRO AND STAYED AT HILTON HOTEL WHERE MANAGER NOTICED
THAT HE WAS TRADE UNION REPRESENTATIVE. MANAGER WAS ON
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF EFL AND MEETINGS WITH OTHER EFL
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MEMBERS GREW FROM THIS. THERE WAS APPARENTLY NO FOLLOWUP
AFTER DEPARTURE.

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